Courses of Instruction - Graduate

AC Courses

AC-501. Managerial Accounting. 3 Credits.
This course covers the processes of identifying, measuring, analyzing, interpreting, and communicating accounting and financial data needed to make strategic and operational decisions. Students learn about the issues facing service, nonprofit, retail, and manufacturing firms and about topics such as activity-based costing, customer profitability analysis and budgeting and performance evaluation.

AC-520. Financial Accounting and Reporting. 3 Credits.
Review of accounting issues and concepts by focusing on issues affecting financial reporting, and by blending accounting theory with practical applications through extensive use of cases.

AC-530. International Financial Reporting Standards. 3 Credits.
This course offers framework for understanding International Financial Reporting Standards and financial reporting methods for other countries other than the United States. Emphasis will be placed on the status of convergence efforts underway among the SEC, FASB, and IASB.

AC-541. Internal Controls and Sarbanes Oxley Compliance. 3 Credits.
This course covers techniques to provide a reasonable assurance that an organization will achieve its objectives with respect to the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting, and compliance with applicable laws and regulation. A major focus of the course is the Sarbanes-Oxley legislation dealing with securities acts, audit and non-audit services, and penalties for violations of securities and other laws.

AC-543. Forensic Accounting and Internal Auditing. 3 Credits.
This course examines how accountants use business information and financial reporting systems to estimate economic damages or identify errors or fraud in accounts or inventories. It incorporates the internal audit process of verifying the accuracy of internal records, searching for mismanagement and waste, reviewing the efficiency and effectiveness of operations, and advising on compliance with corporate policies and procedures and government laws, and regulations.

AC-553. Corporate and Partnership Taxation. 3 Credits.
This course provides an in-depth analysis of factors affecting federal income tax planning and compliance for corporations and partnerships.

AC-570. Financial Statement Analysis. 3 Credits.
Covers the application of analytical tools to general purpose financial statements necessary to evaluate the financial condition of the firm and evaluate the future prospects of the company. The "analyst" can be any of several interested groups: investor, creditor or other stakeholders such as employees, customers, suppliers or government.

CO Courses

CO-500. Marketing Fundamentals: Customer Experience. 3 Credits.
This course provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary for developing innovative and creative thinking strategies to improve digital marketing planning and execution. Emphasis is placed upon learning critical skills to identify and facilitate innovative behavior and collaboration within the organization that will increase sustainable business growth and strengthen abilities to respond to organizational changes and challenges. Course lectures, reading and projects span theory and practice and draw upon examples from multiple industry sectors and delivery channels.

CO-505. Consumer Decision Making. 3 Credits.
The option gives graduate students the opportunities to work on real-world business consulting projects with local businesses that build upon the science, research and application of consumer behavior data and analysis, extending to strategic planning and identifying relevant tactics to carry out strategies. Prerequisites: CO-510.
CO-510. The Influence and Persuasion of Consumers. 3 Credits.  
Understanding the factors that drive consumers in the mobile world. The components that help to influence positive decisions about their relationships, careers and challenges in daily life. Students in this course examine major concepts related to influence and persuasion as well as the relationship among attitudes, beliefs and behavior that influence consumers in the ever-changing mobile environment. Students will analyze and discuss the influence of product offerings and behavioral habits. They will also examine how mobile behavioral data can be developed and tested in the influence and persuasion processes. Students apply principles of influence and persuasion to case studies and to real-life experiences.

CO-515. Applied Market Reasearch and Analysis. 3 Credits.  
This comprehensive tool course will guide students through the basic concepts of experimental design and analysis techniques for marketing tests in traditional and evolving media channels. It will cover the following topics: What, when and why to test; assessing marketing test results including direct mail, banner ads, landing pages, email tests, subject line test, PPC mobile and geo data; measuring website and mobile effectiveness; determining the appropriate level of confidence for test assessment; following rules for assessing smaller marketing-research tests; full-factorial test design considerations, A/B split tests, multivariate testing; establishing online baselines and metrics. Other areas of emphasis include using analysis of variance (ANOVA), and assessing element interactions, B-to-B testing and considerations. In addition, these will be included: acknowledging the five rules of test design; determining the appropriate size for tests; seasonality testing considerations, day-parting online testing and cost-benefit analysis, and bridging test results from one test series to another.

CO-518. Marketing Intelligence: Industry Analysis and Strategy. 3 Credits.  
Overview of marketing or marketing management with an emphasis placed on enabling the marketing manager to create strategies that "fit" the product/service to the organization's distinctive competencies and its target market. Development of decision-making skills in marketing and provides an overview of the strategic marketing management process. Different methods are used to address and exemplify the many issues and problems that are involved in creating and implementing the marketing strategy in today's ever-changing market place.

CO-520. Foundations of Social and Mobile Technologies. 3 Credits.  
The course covers concepts and techniques for retrieving, exploring, visualizing, and analyzing social network and social media data, website and mobile usage, behavioral patterns and clickstream data. Students learn to use key metrics to assess goals and return on investment, perform social network analysis to identify important social actors, subgroups, and network properties in social media. The course will look at mobile technologies, and consider their impact on digital marketing, as well as other business contexts. The potential for social and mobile technology to serve as a new profit center for firms will be explored. Student assignments will involve the hands-on use and application of social and mobile technologies. The final group project will consist of a social/mobile marketing application for a specific company or product. This course builds on student skills in integrated marketing communications by examining the role of social media and mobile communications as potential components of a campaign. Students will learn to research and write a situation analysis incorporating research in the digital arena, segment and target for digital strategies and understand consumer behavior and advertising responses to social media and mobile communications. When feasible students will explore social media and mobile platforms, social media and mobile communication strategies, SMS communications, mobile web sites and mobile search will successfully integrate digital with traditional media. Students will work with a client to evaluate their current social media and mobile executions and develop digital strategies aimed at specific goals for a brand.
CO-523. Behavioral Research Methods. 3 Credits.
This course will guide the marketer through both quantitative and qualitative techniques for maximizing the brand and customer relationships in an integrated-marketing environment. It will cover the following topics: Sampling techniques used in marketing: how and why to sample, types of sampling. The measures of central tendency and dispersion: how to develop and assess these measures to better understand potential data issues prior to analysis. Graphical representation of marketing data: the use of bar charts, pie charts, line charts, and other methods for showing consumer data and purchase data. Important distributional properties of marketing data: the central-limit theorem and the normal distribution. Marketing-test design and analysis: sample-size estimation and test assessment via hypothesis testing. Full factorial test design: the rules of test design. Market-research survey design and execution: types of surveys, types of questions, and test planning. Research-analysis methods: choice modeling/conjoint analysis, rank correlations. Types and usage of syndicated data: Nielsen, IRI, Simmons, and other data sources. Sizing a market: how to assess opportunities in the marketplace via online research and online services. ROI analysis: the various methods of calculating return on marketing investment, campaign management spreadsheets, calculations, marketing goals. Competitive research methods and tracking: various qualitative and quantitative techniques to assess competition in the marketplace.

CO-525. Behavioral Economics. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on developing marketing strategies and resource allocation decisions driven by quantitative analysis. Topics covered include market segmentation, market response models, customer profitability, social media, paid search advertising, product recommendation systems, mobile geo-location analysis, media attribution models and resource allocation. The course will draw on and extend students' understanding of issues related to integrated marketing communications, pricing, digital marketing, and quantitative analysis.

CO-530. Mobile Marketing Mindset. 3 Credits.
This course covers the search strategies of consumer behavior and motivations that differ in the mobile environment, particularly in how Short Message Service (SMS) and Multimedia Message Service (MMS) are used in marketing communications. The course also examines the usage and impacts of Location-Based Marketing (LBM). Near Field Communications (NFC) will also be explored in such venues as kiosks, point-of-purchase posters, debit card terminals and turnstile and promotions.

CO-615. Revenue Management and Consumer Pricing. 3 Credits.
This course, led by a faculty member with experience as a C-Suite executive, focuses on the role of the C-Suite as senior management and how the competing demands of that role shape the divisions and departments of the company and, inevitably, the management and budget for marketing. Understanding the impact of the value exchange between the consumer and the business. The course will be taught through lectures, readings, case-study discussions, and class exercises designed to build students' understanding of the subject matter. The real-world examples and case studies will give students hands-on experience in applying the learning to challenges they will face in their future. Prerequisites: CO-515.

CO-620. Integrated Marketing with Mobile Communications, Devices, and Apps. 3 Credits.
This course will take a strategic approach to the study of Customer Relationship Marketing, providing students with the knowledge to plan, manage and assess a CRM program from a non-technical perspective and to understand the strategic options for managing the customer experience for maximum customer equity. CRM enables a company to move from a product-based to a customer-based strategy, so that instead of focusing on product differentiation as the basis of competition, it can focus on increasing the value of its best customers. Students will learn how CRM has evolved and can take the form of customer-loyalty programs, relational database management, and total quality management. Students also will study the role of CRM within the process that contemporary marketers refer to as managing customer experience, which entails considering how to deliver the most positive experiences of the brand and its products/services to target customers, new customers and existing customers. To provide students with CRM theory as well as practical application to marketing challenges, the course will comprise 4 areas: Developing methods and Criteria for a CRM Program, Planning the CRM Program-including goal setting and selection of methodologies, Implementing the CRM Program, and Metrics for Program Success. Through reading of case studies of business challenges involving the use of CRM, as well as technical and peer-reviewed articles on the latest theories and methodologies for relationship management, students will learn why, when, and how to use CRM as a strategy for increasing customer equity in the form of incremental revenue from sales, increased profit, or improved Return on Investment (ROI), and improving the value exchange with consumers. Prerequisites: CO-518.
CO-630. **Web Analytics: Email, Clickstream and SEO. 3 Credits.**
In this course, students will learn the various online business models, how to optimize them to meet business objectives, and how to analyze, data and results. The subject areas to be covered include search-engine marketing, website optimization, website submission, link-marketing strategies, pay-per-click advertising campaigns, e-mail marketing tactics, affiliate marketing, customer web logs, online testing of banner ads, landing pages, other digital formats, software options for web mining, analyzing click-stream data, mobile technology and the key metrics for measuring consumer behavior online, including basket analysis and other techniques of association. When feasible, students in this course participate in the Google Challenge, a worldwide competition sponsored by Google for the application of search metrics to a local business Analytics. Prerequisites: CO-515.

CO-640. **Digital Marketing Analytics and User Experience. 3 Credits.**
This course prepares students to turn business data into actionable information. Students will work with software integrate data, develop the ability to transform, analysis and create visualization of consumer behavior. As well as use technology in the context of their applications to sales, marketing impacts, the user experience and how it impacts the value exchange. Students will work through the course on a hands-on approach, guided by the instructor and using software and assigned readings/videos. They will prepare and analyze real-world data sets to learn how to develop strategic recommendations for managerial actions. Students who successfully complete the course requirements will be able to develop a 360-degree picture of the consumer/customer. To manage data the massive amount of data and carry out protocols for data access, data cleansing, and data preparation. Students also will be able to apply techniques for converting data to information, including data exploration, summarization, visualization, analyze data, interactive exploratory analytics and introductory predictive analytics. Prerequisites: CO-630.

CO-650. **Capstone Consulting Engagement. 3 Credits.**
The option gives graduate students the opportunities to work on real-world business consulting projects with local businesses that build upon the science, research and application of consumer behavior data and analysis, extending to strategic planning and identifying relevant tactics to carry out strategies. Prerequisites: CO-500 CO-510 CO-515 CO-518 CO-630.

**CU Courses**

CU-500. **Introduction to the New Media Society. 3 Credits.**
This course will provide a foundation to understanding the communication process at various levels of interaction. In addition to covering general theories that have practical applications, it will guide students in analyzing and evaluating strategies to achieve personal and professional goals at the intrapersonal, interpersonal, group, organization and socio/cultural levels. Because many, if not most, communication interactions these days involve some form of electronic and/or digital technology, this course will also explore the current media environment and how to be media literate within it.

CU-501. **Strategic Communication Research. 3 Credits.**
Strategic communication is the study of how organizations and individuals use communication to convey and influence their opinions in society. Public relations plays a major role. This course teaches the concepts of market research, and exposes students to the process of finding, analyzing and using information to make strategic marketing and communication decisions. The course will teach two distinct strategic communication research methods: a) Quantitative (polling, online research, surveys), and b) Qualitative (focus groups, in-depth interviewing, ethnography, observational). Students will give presentations of their research findings and marketing recommendation in class reports.

CU-502. **Strategic Planning and Writing. 3 Credits.**
This skills-oriented course teaches the fundamentals of business writing and strategic planning. It is designed to help students master the art of writing compelling prose that delivers results. Students will also learn how to hone editing techniques. As writing is a hands-on skill that requires practice, students will be assigned multiple writing and rewriting tasks tailored to their own industries or interests, and learn how to deliver clear, concise, action-oriented press releases, letters, emails, memos, and other communication vehicles that motivate target audiences.
CU-504. Public Relations. 3 Credits.
Public Relations is used to shape the opinions of target audiences. This course involves research and theory in the following PR disciplines: organizational and interpersonal communications, as well as media studies. Students will learn the psychological and sociological processes that drive group behavior, and how those studies are used in the relationship between organizations and the public in which they seek to communicate and persuade. Students will become familiar with the differences between in-house and agency Public Relations, and how the two groups interact.

CU-506. Marketing Communication and Branding. 3 Credits.
Branding has become a critical key in a fiercely competitive marketplace. This course explores the link between brand equity and business performance. Students will explore how the realities of a changing media landscape are forcing companies to rethink traditional brand-building practices. Marketing concepts and the principles of analysis will be explained. Other topics will include market segmentation, value proposition, and targeting. Students will engage in critical thinking, case analyses, market research, and present strategic analysis that persuades a business decision maker to invest in their brands.

CU-508. Management and Organizational Behavior. 3 Credits.
This course examines how people behave in organizations. Students learn coaching tools, techniques, models and how to become instruments of individual and group growth and development. The course draws upon many disciplines, including psychology, organizational theory, counseling, group process, leadership theory, along with theories such as organizational assessment, powerbases, strategic management, and conflict management. Students are expected to develop competence in management and master concepts and methods for analyzing and predicting individual, group and organizational behavior.

CU-510. Communication Law, Ethics and Policy. 3 Credits.
This course examines how courts, legislatures, and regulatory agencies react to constant change in communication technologies - ranging from television and to telecommunications to the Internet. We will focus on specific technological advances to explore the way legal, economic, social, and technological forces shape and are harnessed by legal system. The course will draw on leading communications law cases and FCC and FTC actions. Prerequisites: CU-500 CU-501 CU-502 CU-504 CU-506 CU-508 OR GB-511.

CU-512. Social Networking and New Media. 3 Credits.
This course is part class and part workshop, covering social networking and other trends that are producing complex and subtle changes in business communications. Topics include blogging, YouTube, Second Life and various social networking sites and their emerging role for private businesses, their products, and markets. Attention is paid to current trends in convergence, creativity, collaboration and community as modern media replaces earlier forms of communication and attracts more active --- and interactive ---audiences. The goal of the course is for students to familiarize themselves with various social networking theories, perspectives, sites, tools, and strategies, and to critique, consult on and create social networking plans.

CU-515. Interpersonal Communication. 3 Credits.
This course reviews existing and emerging theoretical perspectives relevant to the context of interpersonal communication. Emphasis is on theories of message production and reception, identity management, relationship development, and related processes. Methods of investigation unique to the study of interpersonal interaction are also addressed.

CU-520. Global Corporate Communication. 3 Credits.
This course examines the field of global marketing communications, including cultural factors that enable global marketing. Students will learn how to identify global target audiences, the kinds of products and services that lend themselves to global communications, and leadership characteristics that are preeminent in global communications today. Students consider how levels of development and cultural values affect communications programs and how local differences can be reflected in global programs. Students learn how to approach strategy as well as the development and management of an integrated global communications program.

CU-526. Capstone Project and Seminar. 3 Credits.
This final course in the Strategic Communication program provides a forum for students to demonstrate their mastery of the principles and best practices of strategic communications. Students identify an organization or issue facing a challenge and act as an independent communications consultant for that organization. The recommended communications strategy is presented in the form of a final written proposal and an oral presentation and defense in front of a review board of faculty and the student's program advisor. Prerequisites: CU-500 CU-501 CU-502 CU-504 CU-506 CU-508; Course Type(s): Capstone.
CU-590. Internship I. 3 Credits.
In-class readings and discussions are integrated with an internship experience in a specialized field of strategic communication.

CU-591. Internship II. 3 Credits.
This internship experience integrates advanced level course work in strategic communication with a job experience in the field.

CY Courses

CY-510. Cyber Security and Risk Management. 3 Credits.
In this course we will study the concepts in cyber security design and implementation for computer systems (both hardware and software). Security architecture, organization policies, standards, procedures, and security system implementation, including diagnostic testing of databases and networks. Throughout this course, practical skills will also be acquired through a series of interactive risk assessment workshops and case studies.

CY-520. Cyber Security Legal Aspects and Ethical Concerns. 3 Credits.
In this course we will study Cybersecurity law, policy and compliance, legal rights and liabilities associated with computer security; the application of ethical principles (respect for persons, beneficence, and justice) in cyber security; Information privacy; Rights enforceable by private parties; Liabilities associated by private parties and governments; Legal aspects of records management; Un-authorized computer use; Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; Trade Secrets; Economic Espionage Act; Civil Law Claims; Privacy; Export Control; Constitutional Rights; USA-PATRIOT Act; HIPAA, Gramm-LeachBliley; Digital Rights Management.

CY-530. Cryptography. 3 Credits.
This course gives a historical introduction to Cryptology, the science of secret codes. It begins with the oldest recorded codes, taken from hieroglyphic engravings, and ends with the encryption schemes used to maintain privacy during Internet credit card transactions. Since secret codes are based on mathematical ideas, each new kind of encryption method leads in this course to the study of new mathematical ideas and results. The first part of the course deals with permutation-based codes: substitutional ciphers, transpositional codes, and Vigenere ciphers. In the second part of the course, the subject moves to bit stream encryption methods. These include block cipher schemes such as the Data Encryption Standard (DES). Public key encryption is the subject of the final part of the course. We learn the mathematical underpinnings of Diffie-Hellman key exchange, RSA and Knapsack codes. Software packages and tools will also be studied.

CY-540. International Telecommunications Network. 3 Credits.
In this course we will learn how International Telecommunications Networks are designed, built, and maintained. Within the context of cyber security we will study transmission modes, coding schemes, modulation, multiplexing, data sets, common carriers, tariffs, monitoring, troubleshooting, and network design. As part of the course, we will design an International Telecommunications Network and identify associated risks and vulnerabilities.

CY-550. Mobile Computing and Wireless. 3 Credits.
In this course we will study concepts in nomadic computing and mobility; challenges in design and deployment of wireless and ad-hoc networks; MAC issues, routing protocols and mobility management for ad-hoc networks and networks of the future.

CY-610. Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing. 3 Credits.
This course is designed for students to be trained in understanding vulnerabilities in networks, operating systems, database management systems and web servers. Students will learn how exploits are designed by an adversary attacker to penetrate into vulnerable systems. Students will also learn how the hacker can move into a compromised system and remove her/his footprints. The course will introduce students to tools used for network scanning, finger printing, and password cracking. Tools include Nmap, Nessus and Backtrack. Prerequisites: CY-510 AND CY-540.

CY-620. Malware Analysis and Defense. 3 Credits.
In this course students will study malicious software detection and defenses including tripwire, Bit9, and other techniques such as signature and hash algorithms. Viruses, worms, Trojan horses, logic bombs, malicious web server scripts, mobile code issues, and methodologies used by anti-virus/spyware vendors will be studied. Prerequisites: CY-510 AND CY-540.
CY-630. Disaster Recovery for Cyber Security. 3 Credits.
In this course students will learn how to identify cyber security vulnerabilities and implement appropriate countermeasures to mitigate risks. Techniques will be taught for creating a continuity plan and methodology for building an infrastructure that supports its effective implementation. Throughout this course, skills in disaster recovery planning will be acquired through a series of interactive workshops and case studies. Students will design and develop a disaster recovery plan. Prerequisites: CY-510 AND CY-540.

CY-640. Cyber Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics. 3 Credits.
The topics covered in this course include cyber-crime investigation, digital forensics, forensic duplication and analysis, network surveillance, intrusion detection and response, incident response, anti-forensics techniques, anonymity and pseudonymity, cyber law, computer security policies and guidelines, court report writing and presentations, and case studies. The course will include lecture and demonstrations and is designed around a virtual lab environment that provides for robust and realistic hands-on experience in working with a range of information assurance topics. Students will be assigned projects to apply information security practices and technologies to solve real-world cyber security problems. Prerequisites: CY-510 AND CY-540.

CY-645. Blockchain Technology. 6 Credits.
Students will learn what blockchain is and how it works, from a business as well as technical standpoint. They will gain insight into how blockchain will affect the future of industry / organizations. Upon course completion students will have knowledge of the following: what is blockchain and the real world problems that blockchain can solve; how blockchain works and the underlying technology of transactions, blocks, proof-of-work, and consensus building; how blockchain exists in the public domain (decentralized, distributed) yet maintain transparency, privacy, anonymity, security, and history; recognize how blockchain is incentivized without any central controlling or trusted agency; platforms such as Ethereum to build applications on blockchain; how cryptocurrency works and why people value a 'digital' currency; and how to design and implement blockchain for applications in the financial services, manufacturing, and retail industries.

CY-650. Cyber Security Capstone. 3 Credits.
This course is the capstone experience for graduate students in the Master's degree in Cyber Security and provides students with the opportunity to carry out in depth research on a specific topic in cyber security. The student's project will reflect the integration and application of the cyber security knowledge gained over the course of the program.

DS Courses

DS-500. Introduction to R Programming. 0 Credits.
This is an introductory course that covers statistical computing, which includes programming in R, reading data into R, accessing R packages, writing R functions, debugging, profiling R code, and organizing and commenting R code. Student may also work on a hands-on project, and apply functions, read/write files, and measure execution times, and finally present their computing prototype in class.

DS-510. Introduction to Data Science. 3 Credits.
Data Science is a set of fundamental principles that guide the extraction of valuable information and knowledge from data. This course provides an overview and develops student's understanding of the data science and analytics landscape in the context of business examples and other emerging fields. It also provides students with an understanding of the most common methods used in data science. Topics covered include introduction to predictive modeling, data visualization, probability distributions, Bayes' theorem, statistical inference, clustering analysis, decision analytic thinking, data and business strategy, cloud storage and big data analytics.

DS-520. Data Analysis and Decision Modeling. 3 Credits.
This course will provide students with an understanding of common statistical techniques and methods used to analyze data in business. Topics covered include probability, sampling, estimation, hypothesis testing, linear regression, multivariate regression, logistic regression, analysis of variance, categorical data analysis, Bootstrap, permutation tests and nonparametric statistics. Students will learn to apply statistical techniques to the processing and interpretation of data from various industries and disciplines.

DS-530. Big Data and Data Management. 3 Credits.
This course explores foundational concepts of relational databases, data warehousing, distributed data management, structured and unstructured data, NoSQL data stores and graph databases. Various database concepts are discussed including Extract-Transform-Load, cloud-based online analytical processing (OLAP), data warehouse architecture, development and planning, physical database design, data pipelines, metadata, data provenance, trust and reuse. Students will develop practical experience using SQL.
DS-540. Statistical Programming. 3 Credits.
The course gives an introduction to SAS or R programming for statistical analyses and managing, analyzing and visualizing data. Topics include numeric and non-numeric values, arithmetic and assignment operations, arrays and data frames, special values, classes and coercion. Students will learn to write functions, read/write files, use exceptions, measure execution times, perform sampling and confidence analyses, plot a linear regression. Students will explore tools for statistical simulation, large data analysis and data visualization, including interactive 3D plots.

DS-542. Python in Data Science. 3 Credits.
The course gives an introduction to Python programming for statistical analyses and managing, analyzing and visualizing data. Topics include numeric and non-numeric values, arithmetic and assignment operations, arrays and data frames, special values, classes and coercion. Students will learn to write functions, read/write files, use exceptions, measure execution times, perform sampling and confidence analyses, plot a linear regression. Students will explore tools for statistical simulation, large data analysis and data visualization, including interactive 3D plots.

DS-600. Data Mining. 3 Credits.
Data mining refers to a set of techniques that have been designed to efficiently find important information or knowledge in large amounts of data. This course will provide students with understanding of the industry standard data mining methodologies, and with the ability of extracting information from a data set and transforming it into an understandable structure for further use. Topics covered include decision trees, classification, predictive modeling, association analysis, statistical modeling, Bayesian classification, anomaly detection and visualization. The course will be complemented with hands-on experience of using advanced data mining software to solve realistic problems based on real-world data.

DS-605. Financial Computing and Analytics. 3 Credits.
Financial Computing and Analytics focuses on methods and algorithms for financial simulation and optimization, and encompasses computational finance including mathematical modeling, quantitative risk management and market simulation. The course provides the students with the skills for cutting edge quantitative careers in the finance industry. It also covers algorithm design and development, high performance computing and software engineering for financial applications. In addition to practical experience in novel computational methods and platforms, students are exposed to a selection of research topics that may include algorithmic trading, stochastic processes, quantitative risk models, financial econometrics, computational statistics, simulation, network and statistical signal processing.

DS-610. Big Data Analytics. 3 Credits.
Big Data (Structured, semi-structured, & unstructured) refers to large datasets that are challenging to store, search, share, visualize, and analyze. Gathering and analyzing these large data sets are quickly becoming a key basis of competition. This course explores several key technologies used in acquiring, organizing, storing, and analyzing big data. Topics covered include Hadoop, unstructured data concepts (key-value), Map Reduce technology, related tools that provide SQL-like access to unstructured data: Pig and Hive, NoSQL storage solutions like HBase, Cassandra, and Oracle NoSQL and analytics for big data. A part of the course is devoted to public Cloud as a resource for big data analytics. The objective of the course is for students to gain the ability to employ the latest tools, technologies and techniques required to analyze, debug, iterate and optimize the analysis to infer actionable insights from Big Data.

DS-620. Data Visualization. 3 Credits.
Visualization concerns the graphical depiction of data and information in order to communicate its contents and reveal patterns inherent in the data. It is sometimes referred to as visual data mining, or visual analytics. Data visualization has become a rapidly evolving science. This course explores the underlying theory and practical concepts in creating visual representations of large amounts of data. Topics covered include data representation, information visualization, real-time visualization, visualization toolkits including Tableau and their applications to diverse data rich contexts. At the end of the course, the student will be able to present meaningful information in the most compelling and consumable fashion.

DS-630. Machine Learning. 3 Credits.
Machine learning is the field of study that gives computers the ability to learn from experience without being explicitly programmed. This course covers the theory and practical algorithms for machine learning from a variety of perspectives. Topics include decision tree learning, parametric and non-parametric learning, Support Vector Machines, statistical learning methods, unsupervised learning, reinforcement learning and the Bootstrap method. Students will have an opportunity to experiment with machine learning techniques and apply them to solve a selected problem in the context of a term project. The course will also draw from numerous case studies and applications, so that students learn how to apply learning algorithms to build machine intelligence.
**DS-640. Predictive Analytics and Financial Modeling. 3 Credits.**

Predictive analytics is an area of data mining that deals with extracting information from data and using it to predict trends and behavior patterns. This course will provide predictive analytics foundational theory and methodologies as well as teach students how to build predictive models for practical financial and business applications and verify model effectiveness. Topics covered are linear modeling and regression, nonlinear modeling, time series analysis and forecasting, segmentation and tree models, support vector machine, clustering, neural networks and association rules.

**DS-650. Data Law, Ethics and Business Intelligence. 3 Credits.**

The increasing use of big data in our society raises legal and ethical questions. Business intelligence is the process of collecting and transforming raw data into meaningful and useful information for business purposes. This course explores the issues of privacy, data protection, non-discrimination, equality of opportunities and due process in the context of data-rich environments. It analyzes ethical and intellectual property issues related to data analytics and the use of business intelligence. Students will also learn the legal obligations in collecting, sharing and using data, as well as the impact of algorithmic profiling, industrial personalization and government. This course also provides an understanding of the important capabilities of business intelligence, the technologies that enable them and the management of business intelligence.

**DS-660. Business Analytics. 3 Credits.**

Business analytics is the process of generating and delivering the information acquired that enables and supports an improved and timely decision process. The aim of this course is to provide the student with an understanding of a broad range of decision analysis techniques and tools and facilitate the application of these methodologies to analyze real-world business problems and arrive at a rational solution. Topics covered include foundations of business analytics, descriptive analytics, predictive analytics, prescriptive analytics, and the use of computer software for statistical applications. The course work will provide case studies in Business Analytics and present real applications of business analytics. Students will work in groups to develop analytic solutions to these problems.

**DS-670. Capstone: Big Data and Business Analytics. 3 Credits.**

This course is structured as a capstone research practicum where students have an opportunity to apply the knowledge acquired in data science to interdisciplinary problems from a variety of industry sectors. Students work in teams to define and carry out an analytics project from data collection, processing and modeling to designing the best method for solving the problem. The problems and datasets used in this practicum will be selected from real world industry or government settings. At the end of the class students will write a report that presents their project, the approach and techniques used to design a solution, followed by results and conclusion. Students are encouraged to present their capstone research at conferences.

**DS-680. Marketing Analytics and Operations Research. 3 Credits.**

Organizations need to interpret data about consumer choices, their browsing and buying patterns and to match supply with demand in various business settings. This course examines the best practices for using data to prescribe more effective business strategies. Topics covered include marketing resource allocation, metrics for measuring brand assets, customer lifetime value, and using data analytics to evaluate and optimize marketing campaigns. Students learn how data is used to describe, explain, and predict customer behavior, and meet customer needs. Students also learn to model future demand uncertainties, predict the outcomes of competing policy choices and take optimal operation decisions in high and low risk scenarios.

**DS-690. Data Science and Health. 3 Credits.**

Students will be introduced to the types of data commonly used in public health, biomedical and clinical settings. Students will acquire the knowledge and skills to use these data for understanding and improving the quality of health outcomes. Through lectures and class data analysis projects, students will explore, analyze and create graphical visualization of data from a variety of healthcare sources. Students will also be exposed to selective topics on real time analytics, clinical informatics, and machine learning for biomedical applications.

**DS-700. Independent Study in Data Science. 3 Credits.**

In this course, students will work with a faculty member to explore a topic in depth or conduct independent research. Requirements for completion include submission of a research report. Course Type(s): Independent Study.
GB Courses

GB-503. Statistics for Managers. 3 Credits.
This course covers concepts of probability and statistics needed by managers to analyze and interpret numerical data in uncertain environments. It includes hypothesis testing, regression and correlation analysis and analysis of variance. Concepts are discussed in a framework of real world applications.

GB-511. Management and Human Behavior. 3 Credits.
This course covers planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and the management of change in a modern organization. It examines decision making and problem solving in pursuit of organizational goals. It addresses human behavior in the areas of motivation, communication, and interpersonal relations.

GB-513. Marketing Management. 3 Credits.
This course examines the field of marketing and the dynamics of matching goods and services with customer and consumer needs. Topics include strategic planning, marketing research, and buyer behavior of businesses and consumers. The course covers the marketing functions of product mix and branding, price determination, channels of distribution and promotion and advertising.

GB-517. Business Ethics and Sustainability. 3 Credits.
This course provides a framework for students to recognize ethical dilemmas and analyze the business implications in terms of consequences, autonomy, rights, virtues and equality. Extensive use is made of case studies and current events using presentation, discussion and debate delivery methods.

GB-530. Corporate Finance. 3 Credits.
A study of the problems associated with the financial management of business organizations. Topics include the analysis of types of firms and markets, review of accounting, time value of money, valuation, and short-term financing.

GB-535. International Finance. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the international financial decisions of multinational corporations. Topics to be covered include foreign exchange rates and the structure of foreign capital markets. Particular emphasis is placed on management decisions in an international environment including cash flows, capital budgeting, valuation, and the optimal capital structure for international operations.

GB-555. Personal Branding. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to help graduate students evaluate and improve their skill sets to establish themselves as a brand. Learn the personal branding process to create a portfolio that exploits social media, blog/websites, video resumes, networking, etc.

GB-565. Derivative Markets. 3 Credits.
An examination of derivative securities, market structures, and various valuation models. The course includes discussion of spot and future markets, the valuation of futures and options, investment strategies, portfolio insurance, and recent developments in futures and options markets. Prerequisites: FN-530.

GB-570. Investment Analysis. 3 Credits.
An investigation of various financial instruments - including treasury securities, corporate bonds, stocks, options, and futures - as vehicles for effective investment decisions. Selected topics include: portfolio analysis, efficient markets, and analytical techniques for determining the value of specific financial instruments. Prerequisites: FN-530.

GB-619. Employment Law. 3 Credits.
Students will review key legislation and legal cases that form the framework within the human resources management discipline. Areas covered include rights and duties of both employer and employee in the employment relationship, legislation pertaining to employment standards, employment equity, workers' compensation, health and safety acts and other related topics.

GB-620. Leadership. 3 Credits.
Business today requires leaders who enable organizations to respond quickly and efficiently to new market opportunities, new competitors, acquisitions, shifting market demographics, new technology and changes in government regulations. Topics explored include: the basic fundamentals of leadership; various aspects of the relationship between leaders and teams, and their impact on organizations.
GB-621. Human Resources. 3 Credits.
This course provides an overview of the principles and philosophy of human resource management. Topics include recruiting, hiring, training, and compensating employees, creating policies and procedures to improve employee productivity, developing effective and efficient systems for management, and methods to assure legal compliance.

GB-622. Management Economics. 3 Credits.
This course examines the foundation concepts for how organizations allocate resources for the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. Economic decisions are linked to the organization, management, and strategy involved with the conduct of operations. This course focuses on how managers can improve their understanding of the economic environment and its impact on the business firm.

GB-623. Entrepreneurship and Innovation. 3 Credits.
Covers skills and talents essential for a successful entrepreneur and explores the role of innovation in business ventures and strategy.

GB-624. Technology for Managers. 3 Credits.
This course examines the emerging role of technology and applications to support organizational business models and computer systems. It integrates data base management and planning and controlling new systems, it discusses security and other issues related to systems support for marketing, management, and financial reporting.

GB-625. International Business. 3 Credits.
This course provides an understanding of best practices managing business operations that cross national boundaries. It covers strategies, planning, and operations. A particular focus is the current opportunities and risks in global operations and markets. It uses projects to challenge attendees to incorporate new thought processes in decision making and problem solving in developed countries.

GB-626. Cyber Risk Management and Insurance. 3 Credits.
This course deals with the role of the risk manager advising on business interruption arising from failures of management information and telecommunications systems. It addresses the complexity of technology, interaction of the web and back office, and security failures. It covers the use of cyber insurance and risk transfer strategies to protect assets, people, and business operations.

GB-627. Culture in International Business. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the way local business and business negotiations are conducted. Examines cultural differences in management, planning, analysis, organizational structure, and business relationships. Emphasizes how different cultures interface as they do business.

GB-628. Organizational Theory. 3 Credits.
Organizational theory (OT) is the study of how and why organizations function and create value. The evolution of technology has increased in frequency and complexity to challenge the traditional organization by greatly changing the way employees work and the work they do. This course will examine the historical origins of OT and will explore current approaches to managing organizational processes through designed structure and culture.

GB-629. Enterprise Risk Management. 3 Credits.
This course covers the emerging discipline of enterprise risk management (ERM) . It starts with ERM essentials covering key components needed to manage enterprise risk and the role of a central risk function. It discusses risk identification and sharing using a high-tech electronic platform. It considers unexpected and unforeseen major crises or disaster that are virtually unpredictable. It examines new technology to visualize risk relationships and back up the view with factors that affect them and the status of activities to mitigate them.

GB-630. Strategic Risk Management. 3 Credits.
This course covers risks without owners in the emerging discipline of enterprise risk management (ERM) . It examines risks and opportunities that depend upon collaboration because they cross the silos of the modern bureaucracy. Discussions cover sub-culture risk, leadership risk, and life-cycle risk. In addition, the course contains risk management stories ranging from avoiding business disruptions to the future of ERM.

GB-631. Risk Management and Insurance. 3 Credits.
This course covers risk management from the perspective of insurable exposures that confront modern organizations. It examines decisions to retain, mitigate, or transfer exposures. Topics include property, general liability, and employer liability exposures, protecting directors and officers, and managing potential disruptions to operations. Special attention is given to the role of and expectations from brokers, broker performance, and the compensation of brokers.
GB-632. Negotiations and Conflict Resolution. 3 Credits.
This course presents the conceptual framework and a deep focus on business and negotiation skills and strategies, conflict resolution and relationship management to equip the student to maintain healthy business relationships.

GB-633. Executive in Residence Seminar. 3 Credits.
This course brings senior executives to the classroom to exchange ideas on the goals and strategies of companies and industries. The course will identify issues related to current trends in business strategy. Candidates will work in teams to develop an understanding of critical success factors in global business strategies and create presentations. Guest executives will respond to the presentations with their own views on goals, strategies, and current business trends. This course is generally offered in the Fall.

GB-634. Executive in Residence Seminar II. 3 Credits.
This course brings senior executives to the classroom to exchange ideas on the goals and strategies of companies and industries. Candidates participate in the seminar and then create a presentation on the ideas and lessons learned in the interaction with executives. This course is generally offered in the Spring.

GB-638. Disaster Recovery for Cyber Security. 3 Credits.
In this course students will learn how to identify cyber security vulnerabilities and implement appropriate countermeasures to mitigate risks. Techniques will be taught for creating a continuity plan and methodology for building an infrastructure that supports its effective implementation. Throughout this course, skills in disaster recovery planning will be acquired through a series of interactive workshops and case studies. Students will design and develop a disaster recovery plan. Prerequisites: CY-510 OR GB-639.

GB-639. Cyber Security and Risk Management. 3 Credits.
In this course we will study the concepts in cyber security design and implementation for computer systems (both hardware and software). Security architecture, organization policies, standards, procedures, and security system implementation, including diagnostic testing of databases and networks. Throughout this course, practical skills will also be acquired through a series of interactive risk assessment workshops and case studies.

GB-640. Cyber Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics. 3 Credits.
The topics covered in this course include cyber-crime investigation, digital forensics, forensic duplication and analysis, network surveillance, intrusion detection and response, incident response, anti-forensics techniques, anonymity and pseudonymity, cyber law, computer security policies and guidelines, court report writing and presentations, and case studies. The course will include lecture and demonstrations and is designed around a virtual lab environment that provides for robust and realistic hands-on experience in working with a range of information assurance topics. Students will be assigned projects to apply information security practices and technologies to solve real-world cyber security problems.

GB-641. Marketing Strategy. 3 Credits.
This course equips the student with advanced marketing concepts and methods to provide and sustain customer value. Emphasis is placed on the tools managers use to analyze marketing problems and make effective decisions. Discussions include case studies, analysis of marketing models, group presentations, and computer-based models to reinforce the marketing strategies.

GB-643. International Marketing. 3 Credits.
This course covers the process of international marketing including techniques of exporting and importing, creating foreign direct investments, licensing, franchising, partnering, and other structures. Discussions focus on cultural and economic factors that shape strategies in developed and developing consumer and business markets and strategies for successful branding, pricing, and promotion.

GB-644. Internet Marketing. 3 Credits.
This course covers the rapidly changing and growing world as organizations use the worldwide web to reach buyers for their products and services. Specific topics are techniques of online marketing, creating an effective web site and online storefront, use of search engines and email, and maximizing a web presence including use of internet marketing combined with availability of local outlets.

GB-645. Marketing Research. 3 Credits.
This course covers the tools and techniques used to gather information in order to identify market opportunities, monitor marketing performance and evaluate market change. Special attention is given to matching the characteristics of products and services with the needs of businesses and individual buyers.
GB-646. Crisis Communications. 3 Credits.
The need for effective crisis communication is a valuable asset for an organization, especially now in a 24-hour news cycle and with multiple social media outlets. The focus of the course is to identify, define and prepare students to proactively and effectively respond to crisis situations.

GB-648. Social Networking and New Media. 3 Credits.
This course is part class and part workshop, covering social networking and other trends that are producing complex and subtle changes in business communications. Topics include blogging, YouTube, Second Life and various social networking sites and their emerging role for private businesses, their products, and markets. Attention is paid to current trends in convergence, creativity, collaboration and community as modern media replaces earlier forms of communication and attracts more active and interactive audiences. The goal of the course is for students to familiarize themselves with various social networking theories, perspectives, sites, tools, and strategies, and to critique, consult on and create social networking plans.

GB-650. Business Analytics. 3 Credits.
Introduction to statistical analysis using three software packages: WATSON, Excel and Tableau; probability: distributions, expectation, variance, covariance, portfolios, central limit theorem; data summaries and descriptive statistics.

GB-651. Predictive Analytics. 3 Credits.
Analysis of time series data with emphasis on appropriate choice of forecasting, estimation, and testing methods to solve business problems.

GB-652. Industry Analytics. 3 Credits.
This course covers concepts and techniques for retrieving, exploring, visualizing, and analyzing data to develop marketing strategies, and key metrics to assess goals and return on investment. Special emphasis on market segmentation, social media and website clickstream data.

GB-661. E-Commerce Technology. 3 Credits.
This course provides an understanding of e-Commerce as a modern business methodology that addresses the needs of organizations, merchants, and consumers for the delivery of goods and services using information technology. The course will provide an introduction to the network and system architectures that support high volume business to consumer web sites and portals, and will provide insight into the structure of the modern web enabled storefront and its integration with "back-office" business applications.

GB-663. Database and Knowledge Management Systems. 3 Credits.
This course covers database and database system design and data and network models. It examines relational models and data independence. Topics include database administration and data base management systems.

GB-669. Decision Support Systems. 3 Credits.
A hands-on survey of various software packages to aid a manager in his/her decision making functions. Packages include enterprise resource planning, financial, administrative, report-writers, project management and scheduling, graphics, publishing and multimedia. Students will conduct an evaluation on top software products in the marketplace.

GB-671. Health Care Financing and Risk Management. 3 Credits.
An examination of concepts related to health care financing. Emphasis will be placed on budget preparation, cost benefit analysis, managed care and on developing an understanding of reimbursement systems.

GB-672. Current Issues and Policies in Health Care. 3 Credits.
This course covers political, social, and economic issues affecting health care organizations. Topics include the role of government in determining health care policy, the U.S. health care delivery system, costs and financing of health care, and social welfare gains and losses. Candidates will engage in interactive discussions of current trends and economic and social issues related to efforts to reform or revise the health care system.

GB-673. Health Care Administration I. 3 Credits.
Management, marketing, and financing of the delivery of health care will be explored. Healthcare economics is emphasized from an administrative perspective. The examination of quality versus quantity, the allocation of resources as well as relationships and conflicts among consumers and providers of health care services. Concepts related to technology, including the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) affecting health care organizations is discussed.
GB-674. Health Care Administration II. 3 Credits.
An examination of quality issues and measures utilized in healthcare, human resource management in healthcare settings including physician and labor relations, recruiting, retaining and developing clinical staff, as well as medical malpractice, compliance and Medicare fraud and abuse issues.

GB-693. Research Project. 3 Credits.
Subject to the approval of the Business Graduate Program Director, candidates create and complete an original research project under the guidance of a member of the faculty.

GB-695. Global Business Policy. 3 Credits.
This course develops a comprehensive approach to problem solving and decision making. Students demonstrate a mastery of concepts as they analyze projects with a setting in a specific international environment. Develops skills in strategic planning and making decisions and recommendations in operational and financial areas.

GB-697. Global Business Cultural Experience. 3 Credits.
This course seeks to foster a global mind set among participants by exposing them to the business cultures and ethics of different countries. The course involves overseas travel to selected countries for students to experience at first hand the milieu of cultures that underpin global business in the 21st century. Course Type(s): International (Travel).

GB-699. Capstone in Corporate Strategy. 3 Credits.
This course is to be taken within the last 9 credits of the MBA Program and covers the integration of management, marketing, and finance in modern organizations. It incorporates the best practices in strategic planning and decision making in complex and changing environments. Current trends and strategies are examined in a variety of areas including ethics, social responsibility, and risk management.

GE Courses

GE-500. Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education. 3 Credits.
Examination of historical and philosophical foundations of education in our socially and culturally diverse country; introduction to thoughts of influential educations and the principles and ideas underlying educational policies; development of personal philosophy of education through identification of ideologies behind educational systems, curriculum, and goals.

GE-501. Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Early Childhood. 3 Credits.
Examines the historical, social, political, and philosophical foundations that impact the education of children in a culturally diverse society. Principles and ideas underlying educational policies and how education responds to the evolving needs and dispositions of our society.

GE-502. Psychological Foundations of Learning. 3 Credits.
Processes, conditions, and techniques associated with learning in human beings; learning theories and their applications, heredity, the learning environment, motivational patterns, concentration, memory, effective study, reaction, intelligence, personality, mental health, and moral integrity.

GE-503. Psychological Foundations of Early Learners: Birth to Age 8. 3 Credits.
Processes, conditions and techniques associated with learning in human beings, learning theories and their application to early childhood education settings. The learning environment will be discussed as it relates to supporting best practices in early childhood education and supports developmentally appropriate learning experiences.

GE-505. Directed Research in Higher Education. 3 Credits.
Survey of the basic concepts, procedures, and language of social science research: problem formulation, research design, data collection, data analysis and interpretation. Development of the student’s ability to evaluate published research.

GE-506. Child and Adolescent Psychology. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to how a child develops from birth to age eight. It will address students with special needs, gifted students and English as second language populations.

GE-507. Professional Assessment Strategies. 3 Credits.
Course would incorporate subject specific content and strategies for taking standardized assessments.
GE-508. Research in Early Childhood Education. 3 Credits.
Survey of the basic concepts, procedures, and language of social science research: problem formulation, research, design, data collection, data analysis, and interpretation. Students will research a current topic/problem in the field of early childhood education and conduct a presentation on their findings.

GE-509. Historical and Cultural Backgrounds of English Language Learners. 3 Credits.
This course will examine culturally diverse groups of students from various backgrounds and determine the influence they have had in today's schools with an emphasis on educational policies that have provided for the support of second Language Learners.

GE-510. Principles of Curriculum Development. 3 Credits.
A study of the elements and principles of curriculum design and construction for teachers at the elementary and secondary school levels. This course considers the theoretical concerns of curriculum planning as well as the activities involved in carrying theory into practice.

GE-511. Principles and Problems of School Administration. 3 Credits.
Theories of leadership behavior: the changing role of the administrator, the roles of school personnel in administration, school and community relationships. Budget-planning responsibilities, master schedule construction, relationships with staff and pupil personnel, problem-solving techniques will be discussed.

GE-512. Assessment of Student Ability and Achievement. 3 Credits.
An overview of essential concepts and principles of classroom and school-wide formative and summative assessments such as PARCC. An examination of tests and trends in testing, namely, psychological, standardized, and achievement tests and the rationale and assumptions underlying these assessments. Consideration and evaluation of the types of tests commonly used such as PARCC, state, local, and national assessments as well as discussion of the interpretation of the results.

GE-513. Fundamentals of Elementary and Secondary Supervision. 3 Credits.
The supervisor's role as an educational leader/consultant. Objectives and techniques of instructional supervision; state mandated rules for evaluation of teachers and administrators; an analysis of evaluative instruments; and the supervisor as curriculum manager.

GE-514. School Finance. 3 Credits.
A study of the role of the local, state, and federal government in the financing of public education.

GE-516. School Law. 3 Credits.
A study of the legal framework in which public education operates. Federal and state laws affecting education and schools; school laws relating to the State Department of Education, school districts, local boards of education; and NJ 18A.

GE-517. Principles of Curriculum Development in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on developing appropriate and innovative methods in teaching P-3 students.

GE-526. Fundamentals of Speech. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to the theoretical and practical requirements of different types of public presentations and helps students understand the communication process. It will focus on the basic elements of the communication process and audience characteristics.

GE-528. Internship in Administration and Supervision I. 3 Credits.
Internships are arranged to give students on-the-job training. Supervision is provided by college staff in conjunction with the superintendent of the school district and building principal.

GE-529. Internship in Administration and Supervision II. 3 Credits.
Internships are arranged to give students on-the-job training. Supervision is provided by college staff in conjunction with the superintendent of the school district and building principal.

GE-540. Fundamentals of Methodology. 3 Credits.
An analysis of effective teaching skills, classroom management techniques, successful motivational strategies, objectives, lesson plans and innovative methods.
GE-541. Fundamentals of Methodology, Curriculum and Assessment in the Inclusive Early Childhood Classroom. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on implementing developmentally appropriate teaching practices, classroom management techniques, successful motivational strategies, objectives, lesson plans, and innovative methods. In addition, students will be provided situations to assess professional goals, develop authentic assessment practices, and respond to the cultural, linguistic, and learning needs of all students.

GE-545. Methods of Teaching ESL and Assessing the Second Language Learner. 3 Credits.
Students will learn about the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and how each domain is developed as students learn the English language. Emphasis will be placed on specific research-based methods of teaching ESL (i.e. sheltered instruction) and effective ways of assessing the English Language Learner. Students will develop an understanding of effective ways of developing lessons for English Language Learners through various content areas.

GE-546. Seminar on Education TPA. 3 Credits.
An indepth analysis of the requirements and implementation of ed.TPA Prerequisites: GE-547.

GE-547. Student Teaching. 8 Credits.
Supervised classroom teaching experience on the elementary or secondary level including seminar meetings and conferences scheduled prior to and during the student teaching term. Prerequisites: GE-546.

GE-550. Clinical Practice I: Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classroom Setting. 4 Credits.
Clinical practice in an early childhood or elementary setting in order to provide students with the skills and dispositions necessary to become effective early childhood teachers and develop relationships with school colleagues, families and community. Students will provide learning activities that support cognitive, emotional and social development. They will design learning experiences that support culturally responsive teaching, plan and assess developmentally appropriate lessons and units.

GE-551. Clinical Practice II: Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classroom Setting. 8 Credits.
Students plan and implement developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive curriculum in an early childhood/elementary classroom which demonstrates their knowledge of child development and the role of the school community with regard to children's learning. Students implement the Core Curriculum Content Standard through an integrated curriculum. They use multiple strategies to assess learning and demonstrate effective classroom management.

GE-555. Computers in Curriculum Design and Evaluation. 3 Credits.
Application of computer in curriculum design, including areas such as instructional technology, research, communication with school community, and study skills; use of the internet in formulating inter-disciplinary learning units to meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in all areas. The evaluation of the use of technology in school curriculum.

GE-556. Integrating Computers and Technology into the Early Childhood Classroom. 3 Credits.
This course will adapt the use of technology to the unique needs of P-3 learners.

GE-570. Foundations of Reading Curriculum. 3 Credits.
The nature of the reading process: material and techniques used in readiness, language experience, work analysis, basic text, comprehension, content area, study skills and speed reading. Introduction to research based models of reading instruction and curriculum development; an analysis of New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards in language arts and literacy, and teaching reading across all areas of curriculum will be addressed.

GE-571. Diagnosis and Treatment of Children with Learning Disabilities. 3 Credits.
Theory and practice in identification, evaluation and remediation of learning disabilities. Understanding the role of the child study team and the development of an IEP. Introduction to legislation supporting students with disabilities. Summary of research on the human brain related to learning disabilities, formal and informal stages of referring students for learning evaluation.

GE-574. Diagnosis of Children with Reading Problems. 3 Credits.
Techniques for diagnosing elementary and high school students with reading difficulties, causes of reading problems; evaluation of frequently used tests and inventories including group and individual, survey and diagnostic, formal and informal evaluations will be discussed as well as communication of results to parents and colleagues; and a case study analysis of students with reading disabilities.
GE-576. Remediation of Children with Reading Problems. 3 Credits.
Remediation of elementary and high school students with reading difficulties; interpretation of frequently used tests and inventories including group and individual, survey and diagnostic, formal and informal; techniques of remedial and corrective treatment of reading disorders; evaluation of materials used in remediation; development of an IEP for reading.

GE-577. Research Seminar in Literacy. 3 Credits.
This course presents the basic concepts, procedures, and language of social science research: problem formulation, research design, data collection, data analysis and interpretation. The ethical and legal aspects of conducting educational research and sampling techniques in schools are explored. Students will learn to analyze and develop a related research project with the guidance of the professor. The course is specifically designed to provide students with the necessary knowledge to interpret, evaluate and apply research as it relates to special education and language literacy.

GE-578. Supervision of Reading Programs. 3 Credits.
Administering and supervising reading programs; initiating programs; conducting in service training; developing a budget; and conducting an evaluation of programs and personnel. Faculty development in areas of reading related to New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards.

GE-579. Supervised Practicum in Reading. 3 Credits.
Field experience: the opportunity for students to gain practical knowledge and experience in the fields of developmental and remedial reading instruction. Case study in diagnosis and remediation of instruction, supervised by a licensed reading specialist. Prerequisites: GE-574 AND GE-576.

GE-580. The Teaching of Literacy for English Language Learners. 3 Credits.
Students will explore effective ways of teaching literacy strategies while emphasizing second language acquisition strategies. Best practices will be examined and discussed. Students will learn about the transfer of language skills.

GE-585. Phonology and the Structure of American English. 3 Credits.
Students will examine and analyze the grammatical structures and the sound system of American English as it applies to English Language Learners.

GE-590. General Linguistics. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on the structures of the English language. Comparisons about the English language and other languages will be discussed. There will be an emphasis on the nature of language as a whole and how it is both learned and acquired. Students will learn about the interaction of first language and first language development and second language and second language acquisition.

GE-591. The Process of Second Language Acquisition. 3 Credits.
Students will learn the stages of second language acquisition and develop an understanding of how second language learners move from one stage to the next. Students will review and compare research in the field of second language acquisition and discuss findings.

GE-599. Graduate Education Independent Study. 3 Credits.
Study of a selected topic in depth utilizing field-based or library-based research. Prerequisite: Approval of the Dean.

GE-605. Theory and Practice of Teaching ESL. 3 Credits.
This course covers the theoretical foundations of second language acquisition. Students will explore research-based methods of teaching second language learners. The relationship between the native language and the second language will be emphasized.

GE-606. Directed Research in Higher Education. 3 Credits.
Survey of the basic concepts, procedures, and language of social science research: problem formulation, research design, data collection, data analysis and interpretation. Development of the student's ability to evaluate published research in Higher Education.

GE-614. Overview of Educational Disabilities and Foundations for Specialized Instruction. 3 Credits.
Provides an overview and introduction to educational disabilities and special education. Characteristics and prevalence of a wide range of disabilities will be explored. Students will consider contemporary instructional approaches used for specialized populations.
GE-615. Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities. 3 Credits.
Provides students with knowledge and skills necessary to provide instruction that is both individualized and aligned with core course expectations. Multi-sensory and multiple intelligence learning theories will be explored. Instructional emphasis will be provided on teaching techniques to assist their students in the development of their own strategies and skills with the ultimate goal of independent living.

GE-616. Effective Classroom Management and Behavior Intervention. 3 Credits.
Explores and considers behavior management theories and techniques. Recognition of behavior difficulties, consideration of behavior assessment devices and application of behavior management systems applicable to whole class and individual students will be provided.

GE-617. Assisting Students with Special Needs in the General Education Classroom. 3 Credits.
Techniques and considerations to facilitate learning for all students will be explored. Examination of inclusionary learning theories such as differentiated instruction and universal instructional design will be emphasized. Course content will include adaptation of the learning environment, developing supports for special needs students using a collaborative approach and knowledge of in-class support methods.

GE-618. Assessment Techniques for Students with Disabilities. 3 Credits.
Students will be introduced to the use of assessment based decision making. Applications of assessment toward special education eligibility, informed instruction and behavior management will be addressed. Background procedures and application of both functional and formal standardized testing will be examined. Students will gain familiarity with testing most frequently utilized for special needs populations.

GE-620. Effective Classroom Management and Behavior Intervention in the Early Childhood Classroom. 3 Credits.
Explores and considers behavior management theories and techniques that are developmentally appropriate in the Early Childhood Classroom. Recognition of behavior difficulties, consideration of behavior assessment devices and application of behavior management systems applicable to whole class and individual students will be provided.

GE-631. Behavioral Analysis I. 3 Credits.
Focus on behavioral principles and procedures associated with the acquisition of new behavior and modification of existing behavior. Topics such as reinforcement, punishment, extinction, discrimination, drawing generalization, shaping, classical conditioning, conditioned reinforcement, and schedules of reinforcement application of these principles for developmental disabilities, academic skills and optimal behaviors.

GE-632. Applied Behavioral Analysis II. 3 Credits.
Focus on complex behavioral principles and issues surrounding the application of behavioral principles in the analysis and modification of behavior. Student will learn to identify behavior and environmental relationships that constitute behavioral deficits or excesses. Prerequisites: GE-631.

GE-633. Applied Behavioral Analysis III. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on behavioral research and methodology to evaluate interventions based on single-subject experimental decisions. Different behavior assessment and behavior intervention strategies will be examined. Prerequisites: GE-632.

GE-635. Research Seminar: Applied Behavior Analysis. 3 Credits.
This course will guide the student through the process of reviewing and analyzing data from a variety of sources, discussing various types of research designs, understanding the role of descriptive and inferential statistics, and the development and implementation of a thorough research project. Students will survey basic concepts, procedures and terminology used in education research. The ethical and legal aspects of conducting educational research and sampling techniques will be explored. The course is specifically designed to provide students with the necessary knowledge to interpret, evaluate, and apply research as it relates to special education and applied behavior analysis. Prerequisites: GE-631.

GE-652. Curriculum Development for Students with Disabilities. 3 Credits.
Students will gain knowledge about curriculum design, curricular adaptations, material selection and other pertinent instructional planning considerations for students with disabilities in both integrated and segregated settings. Appropriate focus and emphasis will be provided on the New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards recommended by national and state associations specializing in special education instruction.
**GE-653. Assistive Technology - Uses and Applications. 3 Credits.**
Students will be introduced to the wide variety of assistive technology and will examine its usefulness and utility for students with disabilities. Consideration of assistive technology applications toward content instruction, student response, enhancement of classroom management, provision of social intervention and transition services will occur.

**GE-654. Strategies for Home, School and Community Relationships. 3 Credits.**
This course is designed to heighten sensitivity to the needs of families of children with disabilities and develop techniques educators can utilize to assist families. Emphasis will be devoted to effective home-school team building and the identification and utilization of community resources that assist in meeting family based needs.

**GE-655. Special Education and School Law. 3 Credits.**
This class will examine legislation and case law concerned with the education of students with disabilities. Consideration will be given to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, Section 504 of the 1973 Civil Rights Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and relevant State legislation. Students will be provided with mandated requirements in the identification, evaluation, placement and instruction of students with disabilities.

**GE-660. Introduction to Counseling. 3 Credits.**
This course teaches students to understand what they need to be a counselor. Students will decide what the career of counselor is and whether or not they have the ability to become a counselor. The course explores various ideas used in counseling such as behavioral, psychodynamic and humanistic approaches. Students will understand the skills needed to be a successful counselor.

**GE-661. Individual Counseling and Interviewing. 3 Credits.**
Interviewing is a skill which provides both learning and reflection. Developing skills in interviewing and counseling requires a careful observation of oneself as well as others. This process is a complex one. The objective of the course is to explore the proper interviewing techniques and individual counseling of a client. This course suggests exploration of a much more complex values agenda- the values which inform the choices that are made as a counselor. The skills learned in this course will create greater communication skills which is a major component in counseling.

**GE-662. Group Counseling. 3 Credits.**
This program prepares students to counsel others in a group forum. These groups typically consist of 5 to 8 members. This is a program devoted to helping one to learn about themselves and others. This group process will assist students wanting to become more involved with the community. Students can use this group counseling program to talk about their concerns with others that share the same concerns. Together, with other students, students will learn new ways of viewing problems objectively.

**GE-663. Career Counseling. 3 Credits.**
This course provides the support needed in job searches. It not only supports students but challenges them as well. Students gain self-knowledge, educational planning skills and career decision capabilities. These services act as educational tools while at the same time assist students the most with promoting their educational endeavors.

**GE-664. College Counseling. 3 Credits.**
Examination of college guidance and admissions process in its entirety will be investigated. Topics include early college awareness, parental involvement, exploring colleges using the internet, college fairs, campus visits and interviews, preparing your list of colleges. All aspects of completing individual college applications and the common application, SAT, ACT early decision, early acceptance, early action and financial aid issues such as the FAFSA, grants, scholarships, loans, EOF, and work study will also be explored.

**GE-665. Crisis Counseling. 3 Credits.**
Introduction of concepts and procedures utilized in crisis counseling for students, faculty/staff, parents, and the helpers/counselors themselves. Topics include: district and school crisis committees, planning relationships with outside agencies such as police, emergency medical services, and the American Red Cross. The utilization of psychiatric emergency services, psychiatric screening services and mental health hotlines, grief counseling, memorial/remembrance activities, individual crisis intervention, and post traumatic stress.

**GE-667. Abnormal Psychology. 3 Credits.**
Child, adolescent and young adult psychopathology will be explored. Topics include the nature, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, psychopharmacology, mentally ill chemical abusers, the types, roles, limitations, certification and/or licensure of different practitioners, mental health evaluation and mental status exams and the use of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fourth Edition (DSM - IV) of the American Psychiatric Association with an emphasis on understanding and using the multi-axis diagnostic scheme.
GE-668. Psychology of Exceptional Children. 3 Credits.
This course introduces concepts, procedures, diagnosis, treatment and related issues pertaining to the psychology of children with special needs in school settings. Topics include the nature, basis, and types of disabilities with emphasis on but not limited to mental disabilities, ADHD, learning disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and medical/physical handicaps, identification, referral, evaluation, classification, program, and placement processes, IDEA, Section 504, NJAC 6A-14, PRISE, and NCLB considerations; student, parent, school, and district rights and responsibilities; transitional issues, and gifted and/or talented students will be addressed.

GE-669. Community Agencies, Organizations and Resources. 3 Credits.
Students will examine the roles played by and relationships with institutions outside of the traditional educational setting who partner with, supplement, and at times supplant school counselors. Topics include DYFS, family, courts, police, sex crime units, hospitals, school based clinics, certified or licensed private practitioners of all types, faith based groups and individuals, self-help groups, community mental health centers, and confidentiality issues.

GE-670. Multicultural Counseling. 3 Credits.
To help a client, sometimes counselors must understand and respect their cultural values. A counselor should have the ability to deal with biases, stereotypes and racism. Because there is an abundant amount of methods that borrow from other cultures, it gives counselors in the western hemisphere a chance to improve their therapy techniques. The counselor should be able to adapt and adjust to the patients, cultural experiences and understand the world views of their clients. Multicultural Counseling is a very difficult and trying task and counselors should have the knowledge to understand their clients.

GE-671. Substance Abuse and Treatment. 3 Credits.
A comprehensive overview of psychoactive substance abuse, treatment and related issues with special emphasis on problems with alcohol will be explored. Topics include the nature of abuse and dependence involving single and multiple substances, commonly abused substances, identification and referral of abusers for treatment, treatment options to include evaluation, early intervention, detoxification, rehabilitation, outpatient, self-help groups, and various combinations of the aforementioned. Additional topics will include: the impact of substance abuse on the individual, family, school, and community, co-dependency, school based testing, and educational/preventative measures.

GE-672. Practicum in Counseling I. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to train counselors. Students will learn about phases in therapy such as cognitive and behavioral work and termination. This course also allows the students to explore various theoretical situations. This course details the dealing with adversity, ethics and ethnicity of people. Through this course, students are properly prepared for the challenges that they will face in counseling clients.

GE-673. Practicum in Counseling II. 3 Credits.
This course furthers the educational development from Practicum in Counseling I. This course teaches students to understand the responsibilities of a counselor. They will also learn essential team work skills that will help in working with a consulting team. They develop these skills through observation. Through this course students acquire, integrate and apply knowledge of the field.

GE-674. Family Therapy. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the history, concepts, and procedures of Family Therapy will be examined. Topics include: theories and practice, systems, nature of family therapy, treatment plans and relationships within families. An emphasis on bringing about constructive change and development, the impact of AIDS, substance abuse, medical problems, gender, culture, criminality, divorce, economics, terrorism, war, and other social problems on families, non-traditional families and the dynamics of the family/school partnerships.

GE-675. Ethics, Law and Professional Issues in Counseling. 3 Credits.
Examination of the effects of ethical, legal and other professional issues in counseling. Topics include the 2005 American Counseling Association Code of Ethics with a detailed examination and analysis of its eight main sections, institutional policies and procedures, local, state, and national law, codes, New Jersey School Law Decisions, case law and the discussion of selected current issues in counseling drawn from professional journals and similar publications in the areas of counseling, psychology, social work and psychiatry.

GE-676. Case Studies in Counseling. 3 Credits.
This course focuses exclusively on case studies in counseling. It is an advanced post-masters pre-licensing seminar. Complex situations from school, private practice, hospital and agency counseling situations will be introduced, examined, and resolved. Following initial presentations by the instructor, participants will take part in multiple individual and group presentations. Some role playing will be required.
GE-677. Community Mental Health and Wellness. 3 Credits.
Extensive investigations into preventing common problems will be explored. The course will focus on fostering good mental health or psychological wellness. The counselor is seen as functioning in an extremely proactive role and as a wellness educator. Topics include establishing peer mediation programs, suicide awareness, managing impulsivity, forming support groups, training peer counselors, developing study skills, learning stress reduction techniques, recognizing and dealing with depression, isolation, cultural differences, understanding issues in human sexuality, avoiding gang involvement, and improving ethnic, race and gender relations.

GE-680. History of American Higher Education. 3 Credits.
The history and development of higher education in the United States will be reviewed. Political and economic factors will be integrated into the curriculum. Current issues in diversity, globalization, international partnership, and online learning will also be explored.

GE-681. Ethical Decision Making and Social Responsibility. 3 Credits.
This course concentrates on the responsibilities of the educational leader as an ethical exemplar, leader, and educator. Students will examine a variety of current ethical educational issues and develop effective moral decision-making skills.

GE-682. Organizational Behavior and Administration. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the theoretical and practical implications of organizational behavior from a sociological perspective. Students will study organizational concepts such as diversity in the educational workplace, motivation and individual differences in organizations, group dynamics and decision making, cooperation, teamwork, management, professional development and quality improvement programs.

GE-683. Governance Management and Administration. 3 Credits.
Overview of the organization, administrative roles and positions, administrative process, personnel management, and administrator relationships within various institutions of higher learning.

GE-684. Innovative Curriculum Strategies. 3 Credits.
The broad range of experiences and perspectives brought to school by culturally, linguistically, and ethnically diverse students required educational leaders to provide innovative teaching methods. Responding to each student as an individual and using a holistic approach is key. This course will empower you to provide the necessary resources for all students to succeed.

GE-685. Finance, Budgetary Plans and Resource Allocation. 3 Credits.
An overview of the budgeting process, sources of revenue, types of expenditures, and issues and innovations in financing various types of contemporary institutions of higher education. The course will also include a survey of the various business and planning operations vital to the operation of colleges and universities.

GE-686. Emerging Legal Issues in Higher Education. 3 Credits.
This course covers laws, legal principles, and critical issues pertaining to higher education in the United States and New Jersey. Students will explore constitutional and statutory laws, regulations, and landmark court decisions affecting policy and practice. Special topics such as search and seizure, disabilities, religion, speech, due process, and equal protection under the law will be discussed. Students will research and analyze actual case studies to ensure a problem-based approach experience.

GE-687. Accountability: Assessment and Accreditation. 3 Credits.
This course explores the role of assessment in higher education, with an emphasis on designing effective student learning outcomes and departmental goals; as well as institutional effectiveness strategies and review. Students will also be introduced to accreditation processes, and how to use national institutional survey data to inform assessment.

GE-688. Global Comparisons of Higher Education. 3 Credits.
This course provides a comparative analysis of national and international higher education institutions to identify strengths, weaknesses and best practices.

GE-689. Online College Teaching. 3 Credits.
This course explores Quality Matters, established online learning standards to recognize, understand and utilize established best practices for online college teaching. The course will explore additional technologies and tools for online teaching.

GE-690. Comprehensive Exam. 0 Credits.
Comprehensive Research Project for students in the higher education in general administration program. Course Type(s): Senior Seminar.
GE-699. Comprehensive Exam. 0 Credits.
Comprehensive Exam Course Type(s): Tutorial.

GE-801. Curriculum Development and Instruction. 3 Credits.
This advanced course concentrates on how curriculum is developed and implemented in organizational settings. The course is based on theoretical research, current societal issues, and school-based needs for accountability based education with specific strategies to foster learning, interventions, personalization and mastery of the curriculum. The students will analyze current curriculum standards and educational reform movements.

GE-803. School Policy Analysis. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on current educational and societal policy issues. Students will investigate historical and legal aspects of educational issues as well as the political principles of contemporary education. In order to gain a comprehensive understanding of educational policy, students will analyze the consequences and challenges in collecting policy information, incorporating various research methods, and implementing technology. Students will employ various resources to develop an extensive appreciation of the role of the educational leader in the American political and policy arena.

GE-805. Organizational Behavior and Educational Administration. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the theoretical and practical implications of organizational behavior from a sociological perspective. Students will study organizational concepts such as diversity in the educational workplace, motivation and individual differences in organizations, group dynamics and decision-making, cooperation, teamwork, management, professional development and quality improvement programs.

GE-807. Statistics I. 3 Credits.
This course analyzes and applies descriptive and inferential statistics, elements of probability that support statistical theory, and theoretical distributions. Students will apply statistics to critical educational issues that require measurement, analysis, and decision making for organizational improvement. The students will also be required to design, conduct, and report a study that demonstrates their statistical skills.

GE-809. Research Design and Methods. 3 Credits.
This course will actively engage in the development and implementation of a formal research proposal. They will be required to complete the research process by utilizing both a quantitative and qualitative approach toward their respective research topic. All required components of the research proposal outline must be included, as described in the American Psychological Association Manual current edition.

GE-811. Qualitative Research Design and Analysis. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to develop proficiency in collecting, analyzing, and reporting qualitative data, using a variety of qualitative tools including ethnography, research interviews, content analysis, case studies, phenomenological studies and participant observation. Prerequisites: GE-801 GE-803 GE-805 GE-807 GE-809.

GE-822. Historical Trends in Higher Education. 3 Credits.
The history and development of higher education in the United States will be reviewed. Political and economic factors will be integrated into the curriculum. Current issues in diversity, globalization, international partnership and online learning will also be explored.

GE-824. Innovative Strategies in Educational Leadership. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on innovative strategies in educational leadership in modern society and its impact on organizational efficacy and institutional change. Students will research and analyze the historical, cultural, sociological, philosophical and theoretical perspectives in the leadership process. Prerequisites: GE-801 GE-803 GE-805 GE-807 GE-809.

GE-825. Ethical Foundations and Social Responsibility. 3 Credits.
This course concentrates on the responsibilities of the educational leader as an ethical exemplar, leader and educator. Students will examine a variety of current ethical educational issues and develop effective moral decision-making skills.

GE-826. Analysis and Interpretation of Assessment Data. 3 Credits.
This course will prepare teacher leaders and administrators to analyze, manage, interpret and make decisions based on the data that is commonplace in America's schools.
GE-827. Assessment and Evaluating for Administrators. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on understanding, designing, developing, and evaluating assessment tools in the K-12 school environment. Professional responsibility, ethical behavior, and legal requirements in educational settings will be examined. Students will be provided the opportunity to design an instrument, collect and analyze data, and present their findings. Traditional and alternative assessments will be explored, along with measurement concepts of validity and reliability. Students will discuss federal and state laws, the application of those laws, and accountability procedures. School Administrators’ erroneous judgments and assessment abuses will be investigated. Students will research practical strategies for aligning classroom assessments with state standards and developing scoring rubrics.

GE-829. Using Technology to Improve Curriculum Design. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the role of the educational leader in utilizing emerging technologies to achieve and enhance school reform. This course will enable students to plan for the integration of emerging technologies into the design of the curriculum, instruction, research, and assessment. Students will study contemporary technology issues and implications in the use of information and multimedia technologies in teaching and learning, communications and management. Students will research legal and ethical considerations in the planning, funding, professional development needs and evaluation related to the use of educational technology. Prerequisites: GE-801 GE-803 GE-805 GE-807 GE-809.

GE-831. Accountability: Resource Allocation and Financial Challenges. 3 Credits.
This course provides students with federal and state directives on school finance and educational equity. Economic principles and national income measures related to public education will be discussed. Students will investigate sources of revenue, expenditures, and fiscal problems, including federal, state, and local aid, taxation, planning, debt management, income, investments, and cost forecasting. Students will examine the budget process and comprehensive annual reports used by school districts in New Jersey. The role of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in school finance will be explored.

GE-833. Emerging Legal and Moral Issues Facing Executive Administrators. 3 Credits.
This course covers school laws, legal principles, and critical issues pertaining to education in the United States and New Jersey. Students will explore constitutional and statutory laws, regulations, and landmark court decisions affecting policy and practice. Special topics such as search and seizure, disabilities, religion, speech, due process, and equal protection under the law will be discussed. Students will research and analyze actual case studies to ensure a problem-based approach experience.

GE-835. Personnel Administration and Public Sector Bargaining. 3 Credits.
This course provides students the opportunity to assess and evaluate their organization's personnel evaluation system, analyze developmental needs, develop an improvement plan and incorporate a model to enhanced professional growth. Students will analyze, synthesize and evaluate critical factors affecting human relations, effective grouping of employees and power sources and politics in an organization. Personnel administrative functions discussed include human resource needs, personnel security matters, collective bargaining negotiations, affirmative action, recruitment, selection, tenure, termination and legal parameters. Case study, lecture, and group interaction will be employed to promote and improve management's awareness of personnel issues. Prerequisites: GE-801 GE-803 GE-805 GE-807 GE-809.

GE-839. Statistics II. 3 Credits.
This course applies of both quantitative and qualitative methods and analysis implemented in this course as a direct extension of Statistics I. Students will expand previous knowledge for analysis, interpretation and decision-making in quantitative research to be used in education leadership and school improvement models. Students will use statistical software to aid in their research using both descriptive and inferential statistics. Prerequisites: GE-807.

GE-841. Selected Topics in Elementary and Secondary Administration. 3 Credits.
This course provides students with the opportunity to reflect upon their role as an educational leader and expand upon their Professional Growth Plan (PGP). Through the use of cutting edge research, various case studies, debate panel discussions, group interaction, and role-playing, students will acquire the skills and apply effective methods to solve contemporary problems encountered by educational leaders. Students will analyze and assess the results of specific research projects covering critical areas of leadership and management. Prerequisites: GE-801 GE-803 GE-805 GE-807 GE-809.
GE-843. Administrative Internship K-12: Superintendent Certification. 3 Credits.
The course is aligned to the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Educational Leadership Policy Standards for School Leaders and is supervised and taught by a former superintendent of schools/faculty member. The administrative internship consists of a daily log of completed administrative activities promoting the success of all students advocating, nurturing and sustaining a school culture conducive to learning implementing a vision for learning, data driven decision making and centered on the ISLLC standards. Prerequisites: GE-801 GE-803 GE-805 GE-807 GE-809.

GE-845. Advanced Quantitative Methods. 3 Credits.
Quantitative research methods, including theory, research design, role of educational measurement in quantitative data-based inference, evaluation and statistical analysis.

GE-864. Administration and Governance of Higher Education. 3 Credits.
Overview of the organization, administrative roles and positions, administrative process, personnel management and administrator relationships within various institutions of higher learning.

GE-866. Enrollment Management and Marketing. 3 Credits.
This course addresses fundamental principles of marketing and enrollment management in a higher education including branding, differentiation, forecasting, and public and alumni relations. Discussion of strategic enrollment management processes includes legal and regulatory considerations related to student recruitment, financial aid, and diversity issues, as well as aligning marketing and recruitment efforts with institutional mission and goals. This course will also explore applications of online social networking systems, digital media, and other communications tools, in addition to traditional media and public relations strategies.

GE-868. Student Development and Programming. 3 Credits.
This course examines fundamental principles of student learning and development; the implications for student programming; and will explore strategies for effectively planning, organizing, and managing student services and programs, and for ensuring that these programs meet legal and regulatory requirements. A major focus is on the design and deployment of programs and services that can enable students from diverse backgrounds to achieve their educational goals.

GE-871. Dissertation Seminar I. 3 Credits.
The course will guide and assist in the development of the dissertation proposal, writing dissertation chapters, design, data analysis, preparing articles for publication, developing research proposals for professional conferences and other professional arenas. Emphasis will be placed on individual student work with their Mentor and Dissertation Committee members.

GE-872. Grants, Philanthropy, and Development. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on the importance of fundraising in Higher Education. Emphasis will be given to alumni relations, prospect development, foundation research and proposal writing. Also included will be a primer on the legal principles of contracts and grants including how to identify sources, make the proposal, and manage the project.

GE-873. Dissertation Seminar II. 3 Credits.
In this course, doctoral students work individually with their Mentor and Dissertation Committee members on the completion of their dissertation. To be deemed acceptable, the dissertation must be evidence that the student has pursued a program of relevant educational knowledge in the field of educational leadership in a higher education or K-12 school system setting. Students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course until they have successfully completed and defended their dissertation. Students must have their dissertation proposal approved by the Doctoral Committee for Research Involving Human Subjects prior to registering for this course.

GE-874. Finance, Budgeting and Resource Allocation in Higher Education. 3 Credits.
An overview of the budgeting process, sources of revenue, types of expenditures, and issues and innovations in financing various types of contemporary institutions of higher education. The course will also include a survey of the various business and planning operations vital to the operation of colleges and universities.

GE-875. Dissertation Advisement. 1 Credit.
In this course, doctoral students have advanced to candidacy and completed Dissertation Seminar I and Dissertation Seminar II. Students must register continuously for advancement until the dissertation is successfully defended.

GE-876. Accountability: Assessment, Accreditation and Institutional Research. 3 Credits.
This course explores the role of assessment in higher education, with an emphasis on designing effective student learning outcomes and departmental goals as well as institutional effectiveness strategies and review. Students will also be introduced to accreditation processes and how to use national institutional survey data to inform assessment.
GE-881. Advanced Independent Study in Higher Education. 3 Credits.
For doctoral students wishing to work with their mentor to study topics related to their dissertation.

GE-899. Doctorate Independent Study. 3 Credits.
Doctorate Independent Study Course Type(s): Tutorial.

MA Courses

MA-502. Elementary Math Functions and Models for Middle School. 3 Credits.
Functions and equations, arithmetic and geometric sequences, mathematical methods, linear functions, difference
equations, quadratic and cubic functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, domain and range, fitting a line
to data and modeling, and associated mathematical processes. Methods for learning and teaching the topics are
addressed concurrently with the content.

MA-504. Statistics, Probability and Discrete Math. 3 Credits.
Topics include collecting, summarizing, and interpreting data, sampling techniques, fundamental concepts of
probability, counting techniques, Euler and Hamiltonian circuits, shortest distance algorithms, and associated
mathematical processes. Methods for learning and teaching the topics are addressed concurrently with the content.

MA-506. Geometry for Middle School. 3 Credits.
Metric and US standard measurement, inductive and deductive reasoning, Euclidean geometry of two and three-
dimensional figures including, but not limited to: area, perimeter, volume, surface area, congruency, similarity,
rotation and transformation. Coordinate geometry, iteration and fractals, geometry in the world around us, and
associated mathematical processes. Methods for learning and teaching the topics are addressed concurrently with
the content.

NU Courses

NU-510. Current Issues in Health Care. 2 Credits.
An in-depth analysis of current issues related to health care and health care delivery systems. The impact of
managed care on nursing practice. (Level 1, no prerequisites).

NU-512. Nursing Theory. 3 Credits.
Critical analysis of nursing theories and their application to practice, research, administration and education. The
history and process of theory development in the discipline of nursing are explored. (Level 1, no prerequisites).

NU-515. Health Care Financing and Managed Care. 3 Credits.
An examination of concepts related to health care financing. Emphasis will be placed on budget preparation, cost
benefit analysis, managed care and on developing an understanding of reimbursement systems. (Level 1, no
prerequisites).

NU-520. Research: Design and Utilization. 3 Credits.
Critique and design of nursing studies. Exploration of scientific modes of inquiry for theory development and nursing
practice. Emphasis is placed on the utilization of research findings for client outcome evaluation. (Level 1, Pre or co-
requisite: Nursing Theory) Prerequisites: NU-512.

NU-530. Concepts in Clinical Nursing. 2 Credits.
Examination of selected concepts relevant to nursing practice. Nursing care across the health care continuum is
explored within the context of physiological/psychological phenomena, theory, research, technology, pluralistic, legal
and ethical determinants. (Level 2, Prerequisite: Current Issues) Prerequisites: NU-510.

NU-535. Client Education: Strategies. 2 Credits.
Theory-based analysis of the pluralistic determinants of health related behaviors. Exploration of the use of current
theoretical frameworks for the design, implementation and evaluation of intervention strategies in education of clients.
Use of community resources for client education are stressed. (Level 1 or 2, no prerequisites).

NU-536. Advanced Pathophysiology. 3 Credits.
This course presents a systems approach to the physiological processes and pathological changes that impact
human health and illness. (Level 1, no prerequisites).

NU-537. Pharmacology for Prescriptive Practice. 3 Credits.
In depth study of pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics and the use of drug therapy to manage health and disease
states is emphasized. The Controlled Substance Act and the APN's responsibilities in drug prescription are explored.
(Level 1, no prerequisites).
NU-538. Family Systems and Dynamics. 2 Credits.
The course incorporates concepts from family systems theory, role theory and life span development. The family and community are analyzed using a pluralistic perspective. Family functioning and change in times of crisis are explored (Level 1, no prerequisites).

NU-540. Practicum in Clinical Nursing. 2 Credits.
Clinical practice with selected clients or groups of clients or communities. Application of current theory and research in carrying out the nursing process. (Level 2, Prerequisite: Concepts in Clinical Nursing Pre or co-requisite: Client Education: Strategies and Community Resources) Prerequisites: NU-530 NU-535.

NU-542. Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning. 3 Credits.
A holistic and pluralistic approach to the comprehensive health/physical assessment of the adult-geriatric client. Principles of risk assessment are integrated. The student's ability to evaluate assessment data and select diagnostic tests is developed. Includes theory and laboratory (5 hours/week) component. (Level 1) Prerequisites: NU-536.

NU-543. Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic PMC. 3 Credits.
A holistic and pluralistic approach to the comprehensive health/physical assessment of the adult-geriatric client. Principles of risk assessment are integrated. The student's ability to evaluate assessment data and select diagnostic tests is developed. Includes theory and laboratory (5 hours/week) component. (Level 1) Prerequisites: NU-536.

NU-550. Administration in Health Care Organizations. 3 Credits.
Examination of the administrative process in a variety of health care organizations. Incorporates analysis of leadership skills, understanding of health care economics, role and function of the administrator and consideration of the ethical issues inherent in the current managed care environment. (Level 2, Prerequisites: Financial Concepts, Human Behavior in Organizations) Prerequisites: NU-515 BM-510.

NU-555. Case Management I. 3 Credits.
Examination of the process of case management and the evolving role of the case manager in a variety of settings across the continuum of health care. The managed care environment including types of insurance reimbursement and government regulation are explored in depth. Topics include integrated case management procedures such as utilization review, coding and discharge planning. Case management models, computer software, clinical pathways and care maps are analyzed. (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-530 NU-558.

NU-558. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing I. 3 Credits.
An intensive study of common acute and stable chronic problems of adult-geriatric clients seen in primary health settings. Health promotion and disease prevention are stressed. Students develop the knowledge and skills to assess, diagnose and evaluate these common conditions. Pathophysiology, risk factors, diagnostic tests and therapeutic management are discussed. Pluralistic as well as lifestyle factors, including nutrition and pharmacotherapy are explored in relation to the specific conditions. (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-536 NU-537 NU-538 NU-542.

NU-559. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing I PMC. 3 Credits.
An intensive study of common acute and stable chronic problems of adult-geriatric clients seen in primary health settings. Health promotion and disease prevention are stressed. Students develop the knowledge and skills to assess, diagnose and evaluate these common conditions. Pathophysiology, risk factors, diagnostic tests and therapeutic management are discussed. Pluralistic as well as lifestyle factors, including nutrition and pharmacotherapy are explored in relation to the specific conditions. (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-536 NU-537 NU-538 NU-542.

NU-565. Practicum in Nursing Administration. 2 Credits.
Field experience involving the operationalizing of aspects of the administration role. Incorporates activities such as quality improvement projects, budgeting, delegation, policy making, interdisciplinary collaboration and change implementation. (Level 3, Prerequisite: Administration in Health Care Organizations) Prerequisites: NU-550.

NU-568. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum I. 4 Credits.
This practicum course affords the student the opportunity to apply advanced knowledge and skills of health promotion, maintenance and disease management to plan therapeutic regimens for adult-geriatric clients in primary care settings. Advanced practice role socialization is developed. Legal, ethical and financial issues related to advanced practice are integrated (300 clinical hours are required for this course). (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-558.
NU-569. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum I PMC. 4 Credits.
This practicum course affords the student the opportunity to apply advanced knowledge and skills of health promotion, maintenance and disease management to plan therapeutic regimens for adult-geriatric clients in primary care settings. Advanced practice role socialization is developed. Legal, ethical and financial issues related to advanced practice are integrated (300 clinical hours are required for this course). (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-559.

NU-570. Case Management II. 3 Credits.
The role of the master's prepared case manager with individual clients and disease specific populations are explored in depth. Emphasis is placed on measuring and evaluating the outcomes of case management as they relate to access, quality, cost and client satisfaction. (Level 3) Prerequisites: NU-555.

NU-572. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of theory presented in NU-558. An intensive study of common acute and stable chronic problems of adult-geriatric clients seen in primary care settings. Health promotion and disease prevention are stressed. Students develop the knowledge and skills to assess, diagnose and evaluate these common conditions. Pathophysiology, risk factors, diagnostic tests and therapeutic management are discussed. Pluralistic as well as lifestyle factors, including nutrition and pharmacotherapy are explored in relation to the specific conditions. (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-558 NU-568.

NU-573. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum II Lab. 3 Credits.
Continuation of theory presented in NU-559. An intensive study of common acute and stable chronic problems of adult-geriatric clients seen in primary care settings. Health promotion and disease prevention are stressed. Students develop the knowledge and skills to assess, diagnose and evaluate these common conditions. Pathophysiology, risk factors, diagnostic tests and therapeutic management are discussed. Pluralistic as well as lifestyle factors, including nutrition and pharmacotherapy are explored in relation to the specific conditions. (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-559 NU-568.

NU-582. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum II. 4 Credits.
A continuation of clinical experience in NU-568. This practicum course affords the student the opportunity to apply advanced knowledge and skills of health promotion, maintenance and disease management to plan therapeutic regimens for adult-geriatric clients in primary care settings. Advanced practice role socialization is developed. Legal, ethical and financial issues related to advanced practice are integrated (300 clinical hours are required for this course). (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-558 NU-568.

NU-582L. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum II Lab. 0 Credits.
This course is designed to fulfill certification practice requirements for the Adult Gerontology Advanced Practice students. Labs take place at preceptor institutions. Prerequisites: NU-558 NU-568 AND ALL LEVEL I COURSES. Course Type(s): Lab Courses.

NU-583. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum II PMC. 4 Credits.
A continuation of clinical experience in NU-569. This practicum course affords the student the opportunity to apply advanced knowledge and skills of health promotion, maintenance and disease management to plan therapeutic regimens for adult-geriatric clients in primary care settings. Advanced practice role socialization is developed. Legal, ethical and financial issues related to advanced practice are integrated (300 clinical hours are required for this course). (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-559 NU-569.

NU-583L. Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum II PMC Lab. 0 Credits.
This course is designed to fulfill certification practice requirements for the Adult Gerontology Advanced Practice students. Labs take place at preceptor institutions. Prerequisites: NU-559 NU-569 AND ALL LEVEL I COURSES. Course Type(s): Lab Courses.

NU-585. Advanced Practice Nursing Master’s Project PMC. 1 Credit.
Opportunity to develop and present a scholarly project related to a topic in advanced nursing practice. (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-559 NU-569.

NU-586. Advanced Practice Nursing Master’s Project. 1 Credit.
Opportunity to develop and present a scholarly project related to a topic in advanced nursing practice. (Level 2) Prerequisites: NU-558 NU-568.

NU-587. Continuous Matriculation Master’s Practicum. 1 Credit.
This course is designed to allow the masters student to acquire clinical hours during the summer session if the student has not completed 300 practicum hours in NU 568, or if the student wishes to complete clinical hours prior to enrolling in NU 582. Prerequisites: NU-568.
NU-598. Graduate Nursing Tutorial. 1 Credit.
NU-700. Scientific Underpinning for APN. 3 Credits.
In this course students will examine the scientific evidence that serves as the foundation for advance practice nursing. It serves as an introduction for the student to begin to explore an area for his or her Capstone Project.

NU-710. Health Care Economics, Financing and Managed Care. 3 Credits.
This course will provide the advance practice nurse with an understanding of budget planning, cost benefit analysis, managed care, and the reimbursement system as it involves both the direct and indirect advanced practice nurse.

NU-715. Health Service Organizations: Performance Improvement. 3 Credits.
Health Service Organizations: Performance Improvement: Emphasis is on health care improvement strategies and has been successful in the health care organizations to improve quality of care, patient outcomes, patient satisfaction, and cost reduction strategies.

NU-720. Analytical Methodology: Transitioning to Evidence Based Practice. 3 Credits.
In this course students will, via systematic reviews of research studies, bring research-based and other evidence to practice settings clinical guidelines or policies that have been substantiated to result in quality health care outcomes. 50 hrs are earned towards required 500.

NU-722. Epidemiology and Population Health: Genetic Risk Factors Interpretation. 3 Credits.
An investigation of potential health problems using epidemiology as the "tool" to identify risk factors in select populations that may have inherit genetic risk factors.

NU-750. Health Care Policy: Legislation and Strategies. 3 Credits.
Advanced practice nurses cannot afford to be apolitical and this course will discuss health care policy and it processes at the local, state, national, and global events.

NU-755. Ethical and Legal Parameters for Advanced Practice Nursing. 3 Credits.
This course will examine the relationship between the legal directives and ethical principles as they influence advance practice nursing for both direct and indirect roles. Prerequisites: NU-700.

NU-760. Health Promotion, Health Disparities Within the Urban Environment. 3 Credits.
While health promotion is the goal, health disparities is the reality especially among the adult urban population where most of our students find themselves practicing. This course will address the reality of this aggregate patient population and their needs.

NU-785. Leadership and Communication for Advanced Practice Nursing. 3 Credits.
Whether students are in the direct or indirect roles, they need to become accomplished leaders and communicators. This course will address these essential skills in order to advocate for their practice, patients, health care facility, or profession.

NU-801. Residency I. 3 Credits.
Designed to include either Advanced Practice candidates or Administrator/Executive Role candidates within Health Systems-clinical focus- 225 hrs.

NU-802. Residency II. 3 Credits.
Designed to include either Advanced Practice candidates or Administrator/Executive Role candidates within Health Systems-clinical focus- 225 hrs.

NU-846. DNP Capstone Project Seminar I. 3 Credits.
Working on capstone with advisors.

NU-847. Continuous Matriculation DNP Practicum. 1 Credit.
This course is designed to allow the DNP student to acquire clinical hours during the summer session if the student has not completed at least 250 practicum hours in NU 801, or if the student wishes to complete up to 60 practicum hours prior to enrolling in NU 802. Prerequisites: NU-801.

NU-848. DNP Capstone Project Seminar II. 3 Credits.
Completion of capstone and scholarly presentation. Prerequisites: NU-846.

NU-849. Continuous Capstone Matriculation. 0 Credits.
If students have not completed the Capstone Scholarly Project by the completion of Seminar II (NU-848), they will be expected to register for this course, Continuous Capstone Matriculation, EACH semester until the project is completed, presented, and signed by committee.
PA Courses

PA-501. Introduction to Public Administration and Service. 3 Credits.
Students will learn how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public sector and non-profit institutions by exploring and applying key paradigms in public administration and organizational behavior. By studying the factors that motivate economic and political behavior, students will learn how to formulate practical plans and strategies to help solve social problems. Studying organizational culture will expose forces that are critical in understanding how to implement change. This course will include an analysis of complex cases that relate to the evolving relationships between the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

PA-510. Ethics and Society. 3 Credits.
Students survey ancient, modern, and contemporary normative frameworks and methods of ethical inquiry. These normative frameworks, derived from moral philosophy, moral theology, and political philosophy, will be engaged to critically question urgent and contemporary social matters and policies. Case studies of ethical leadership and professional ethics will provide models of right thinking and conduct within the professions. Finally, inquiry will be made into how we might understand the common good as well as how to work to achieve it.

PA-511. Internship (Domestic or International). 3 Credits.
Designed to provide students the opportunity to utilize their academic study with exposure to public sector and/or non-profit environment(s). This experience provides students greater understanding of the practical challenges faced by public sector and non-profit entities. Prerequisites: PA-501 PA-510 PA-520 PA-540.

PA-512. Sustainability in Public Administration. 3 Credits.
How can we endure in the face of environmental degradation, climate change, and resource limitations? These questions are integral to the university’s commitment to inspire students to lead ethically, serve compassionately and promote justice in our ever-changing urban and global environment. The class will look at the roots of past environmental disasters, as well as alternative responses to avoid future crises. Much of the work in this class will be with local government and/or community advocacy organizations. Prerequisites: PA-501.

PA-513. Advanced Independent Study in Public Administration. 3 Credits.

PA-514. Health Care Issues. 3 Credits.
By 2020, health care spending (including public, non-profit and private resources) will average almost $14,000 for every man, woman and child. This course will explore ways that government and non-profit organizations can prevent diseases and improve health care in more efficient and equitable ways. Students will study the development, structure, and current issues associated with the delivery and utilization of health services. Health care topics covered include regulation, financing, insurance, and ethics along with a special emphasis on serving low-income communities.

PA-515. Leadership and Organizational Change. 3 Credits.
This course provides the framework and skills that are critical to leading organizations in an environment of new information technologies, globalization, rising expectations, and shifting demographics. Leadership entails making decisions, setting direction, mobilizing people, developing the capacity of actors, and adapting to changes that emerge along the way. Leaders must implement changes in a web of complex, multi-organizational environments. This class will prepare future public sector and non-profit leaders to navigate the political processes and institutions in which changes must be evaluated and implemented.

PA-520. Research and Analytic Methods. 3 Credits.
A variety of research methods can be used to evaluate public programs, inform policy decisions, determine operating and capital requirements, and track the performance of existing programs. This class focuses on selecting and using appropriate methodologies, as well as assessing and communicating the strengths and weaknesses of completed research work. Students will learn tools and techniques that are needed to identify, utilize and interpret research; make informed decisions; and develop recommendations to other public administrators.

PA-530. Public Sector Finance and Budget. 3 Credits.
This course examines how governments obtain and spend financial resources. Students explore the socio-economic and political forces that shape the fiscal environment within which governments operate, as well as the fiscal relationship between local, state, and federal governments. Students will become familiar with the tools and methods used to determine, create, and analyze government tax and major expenditure policies. Key concepts that will be covered include budgeting, revenue sources, cost controls, and financial issues relating to public sector and non-profit institutions.
PA-540. Management and Conflict Resolution. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on models, qualities and characteristics of management and leadership within the public and non-profit sectors. Students will explore concepts of strategic management, team building, shared vision, pluralism, empowerment, agenda setting, and human resource management. Central to this class is the examination of how disputes are resolved from the perspectives of management, law, government, media, labor, and the public.

PA-550. Quantitative Methods for Public Administration. 3 Credits.
Public administrators need a solid understanding of statistical concepts and their actual applications. Rather than tedious number crunching and incomprehensible data manipulation, students in this course learn how statistics is really about creative information gathering and analysis. Statistical processes and procedures allow students to extract gems of information from tangled spools of data. Statistics also make it possible for public administrators to see beyond the often chaotic surface, get to the heart of the matter, and make decisions based upon quantitative data. Prerequisites: PA-520.

PA-555. Public Policy. 3 Credits.
Students will study the “who, what, when, where, and why” of the public policy making process by examining specific policy dilemmas and the roles of relevant institutions and actors. The various stages of the policy making process will be explored including defining problems, identifying policy options, evaluating alternatives, and making decisions. The complex inter-relationship between various levels of government, the non-profit and the private sectors will be highlighted. As part of a semester-long assignment, students will identify a local public policy problem and then evaluate potential alternatives to help solve the problem. Prerequisites: PA-501 PA-510 PA-520 PA-530 PA-540.

PA-560. Community Organizing and Development. 3 Credits.
Community organizing is the way people get together to bring about positive change in their lives and their communities. From potholes and litter to jobs and housing, local residents come together to improve their neighborhoods. Community organizing has been and always will be an essential tool to improving the quality of life of people and communities. In this course, through case studies and semester-long neighborhood-based projects, students will learn how community organizing and community development can be effective ways to improve people’s lives. Prerequisites: PA-501 PA-510 PA-520 PA-540.

PA-565. Seminar in Social Justice. 3 Credits.
This seminar in social justice introduces the student to principles and public practices of social justice on local, national and global levels. It will think through the social construction of injustice and oppression as well offering frameworks for empowerment and social justice. Once the foundational work is completed in the seminar, students will engage in intensive and specialized readings in areas such as inequality, impoverishment, climate change, racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, etc. as well as in social movements, nonviolent social change, etc. Prerequisites: PA-501 PA-510 PA-520 PA-530 PA-540.

PA-570. Managing Information Technology. 3 Credits.
Information Technology (IT) competency is crucial for 21st century public sector and non-profit managers. IT can improve an organization's efficiency and help meet stakeholders' high expectations for timely and relevant information. In this course, students will learn how public administrators can effectively manage both IT projects and services. Topics that will be covered include IT operations, risk management, and security, as well as rapidly evolving technologies such as mobile, cloud, social media, and open source software. Students will also learn how to analyze the costs and benefits associated with implementing new technologies. Prerequisites: PA-501 PA-520.

PA-580. Capstone Project. 3 Credits.
The capstone course is the culminating experience for students enrolled in the MPA program. Students perform one of the following types of projects to demonstrate their mastery of public administration's principles and best practices: (1) identify solutions to address a public policy problem, (3) recommend improvements to a public or non-profit organization, or (3) develop potential legislation and identify the coalition that would be needed to pass it. These projects can build upon research performed for other classes or internships. They are not merely classroom exercises, but rather documents that will contribute to the communities where Saint Peter's students live, work, and study. Prerequisites: PA-501 PA-510 PA-520 PA-530 PA-540 PA-550 PA-555 PA-560 PA-565 PA-570.